

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 840

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to commend Loretta Painter for her honorable
and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Painter is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Painter has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Loretta serves with acumen and alacrity as the Director of the Trenton Street Baptist Church Daycare in Harriman; and

WHEREAS, as Director, Ms. Painter leads a staff of fifteen workers in the care of forty toddlers and preschoolers in a secure, loving environment; and

WHEREAS, she takes her mission seriously: no one is allowed admittance to the facility without a security code or a reason to be there; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Painter has served the daycare estimably for twenty-three years, from the day she first filled in as a floater because the facility was short-staffed; and

WHEREAS, she eventually filled a permanent position as a teacher for the center's four-year-olds, and she has served as the Director for the last five years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Painter has graciously dedicated her time and energies to the daycare, typically working twelve-hour days or more; and

WHEREAS, she and her employees also complete eighteen hours of training each year, with classes that normally take place after the center closes; and

WHEREAS, her numerous accomplishments aside, Loretta Painter is also deeply devoted to her family and she always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud matriarch of a family that includes two daughters, four grandsons, and three great-grandsons; and

WHEREAS, during her laudable career in public service, Loretta has made innumerable contributions to the betterment of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Painter's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Painter is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Painter is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Loretta Painter for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.